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Migrant Musings: December 2013

Reimagining Migrant Education in Indiana

Office of English Learning and Migrant Education

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Publications

The [Indiana Department of Education Migrant Education Program](#) is excited to have the following for Regional Service Centers to distribute to schools and/or families:

- Brochures in English and Spanish explaining the Migrant Education Program. [MEP Brochures](#).
- [Website Packet](#) that includes a memo explaining the MEP, FAQ, MEP Support Structure Overview, Migrant Regional Centers Contact Information, MEP Program Regional Directory, Work Survey, Letter for Eligibility for Free Meals and Textbooks for Migrant Children
- The [Work Survey](#) is a federally mandated document that should be administered to all enrolled students in order to determine potential edibility for the Migrant Education Program. Please reference the MEP Work Survey Memo for additional information and guidance from IDOE.
- ASSET Map—click [here](#) to see resources and services available for migrant families.

We are excited to introduce a new team member at the Office of English Learning and Migrant Education.



Carey Mann has joined the Office of English Learning as the Migrant Education Specialist. Carey earned her BS in Elementary Education at Indiana State University and her Masters of Education in Reading, Language and Literacy from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She joins us from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, North Carolina, where she worked as one of four ELL Resource Teachers serving over 251 K-12 ELL Teachers and 14,830 ELL students representing over 185 languages. She has also worked as a K-12 ESL Instructional Specialist, Common Core/WIDA Taskforce Member for North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, ELL teacher at the elementary and middle school levels, Literacy Facilitator and a regular ED classroom teacher at the elementary levels. Her experience growing up in southwestern rural Indiana as a farmer's daughter has instilled a passion and appreciation for students and families who work hard to improve their quality of life.

Imagining the Possibilities...Making them Happen!

Region 6: Director Susana Amstutz and staff in Berne, now have phone, internet, cable and satellite service at their new Migrant Regional Center! They have their first mobile classroom and were in the local news!





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Migrant Dates:

January 14 ESCORT Training (Regional Centers, School Year Program Staff, Summer Program Staff, ID & R Field Specialists)— 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Indiana Government Center South—Conference Room 22

February 6 & 7—MIDAS 2.0 Training—for MRCs, LEAs and ID & R Specialists. Click [here](#) to register your team and select the date.

February 10-11- State Directors' Meeting— Washington DC (Charlie and Rachel are attending)

February 21-25-- National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association Conference— Washington DC (Carey is attending)

April 6-9- National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education Annual Conference— San Antonio, Texas

Imagining the Possibilities (Cont.)

Region 4: Southern Indiana Education Center in Dubois County is collaborating with Vincennes University to provide services OSY students by offering an Auto Mechanics Course!

Region 1: Director Julia Cordova-Gurule' and staff are integrating STEM into the MEP services for their program. We are looking forward to great work from South Bend

Region 3: Director Jenny Pruett, Alexandria, and staff are working hard on getting their new Migrant Regional Center up and running! They now have their own office apart from the school corporation to give the MEP a presence in the local community.

Region 2: Director Dr. Dennis Cahill and MRC Staff at Wabash Valley Education Center have been working hard to create a warm, inviting, organized center. They are collaborating with Region 3 to plan services for secondary students using technology specific for migrant students.

Region 5: Director Debbie Thomas and staff at Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation are collaborating with Cummins to develop a partnership within the community.

You have done so much in such a short amount of time! None of our success would be possible without your support. We are on our way to 100% identified, 100% served!

Indiana Migrant Education Program Updates

We are planning on providing support through regularly held Migrant Meetings face to face as well as phone conferences. Our purpose is to provide a forum for Regions and LEAs to celebrate, collaborate and keep abreast of DOE updates as it pertains to Migrant Education. We welcome feedback on this as well—example--what can make this time together valuable and supportive?

Our December 19 Regional Meeting Recap:

- **myON Reading** (www.myon.com)—Indiana has adopted this as supplemental resources for migrant students. It provides a reading pre-assessment and tracks students' growth, providing them with a wide variety of high-interest reading material that can be conveniently accessed through technology. The program will be used to track Measurable Program Objectives (MPO's)—or student growth and progress. It also provides a wealth of support and materials for family literacy events.
- **Wisdom Tools**—(www.wisdomtools.org)—Provides support through lessons and even teaching that integrates math, science and technology. A very powerful and highly engaging resource for providing supplemental educational support for migrant students. Some Regions are planning on customizing a contract with Wisdom Tools for their summer program.
- **Migrant Education Guidebook**—We are in the process of developing a Migrant Education Guidebook for Indiana's Migrant Education Program. A rough draft was reviewed by all present at the Dec. 19 meeting. We will be making this available online with a link to provide feedback for suggestions and changes before the official publication.
- **MIDAS 2.0** is in its final stage of development and will be ready for beta testing Monday, 1/6-1/17. A big thank you to Willie Pritchett, Sharon Land, and Rassmita Kaur for all their help in developing a new system!. The purpose of MIDAS version 2.0 is to make it user friendly while capturing the necessary data that documents educational and supportive supplemental services for migrant students in Indiana. Please click [here](#) to provide feedback after testing MIDAS 2.0. [Register Feb. 6 or Feb. 7 for Training.](#)
- **Team Building**—Regions shared what's going on in their migrant programs. We are also publishing a newsletter specifically for Migrant Education. Look for the first edition of Migrant Musings where there will be news about the regions and updates from DOE for Migrant Education.